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REQUEST

## **FOR** CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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	Application Number	09/970,929					
	Filing Date	October 5, 2001					
	First Named Inventor	Jun KOYAMA et al.					
	Group Art Unit	2629					
	Examiner Name	S.K. Kumar					
	Attorney Docket Number	0756-2368					

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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		ii.	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on			
		iii.	☐ Other			
	b.	X	Enclosed			
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		ii.	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)			
		iii.	☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)			
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	b.		Other			
3.	F	ees	The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.			
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		ii.	Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)			
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